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PROCLAMATION
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MAJESTIES Privy-Council of that KING-
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ment in Scotland.

Edenburgh, the 13th of November, 1680.

In Presence of the Lords of the Privy-Council.

James Skene, Brother to the Laird of Skene, being Examined,
If he was with the Rebels at *Bothwel-Bridge*? Answers, He
knows not who were Rebels, but says he was not at *Bothwel-*
Bridge, nor at *Airdsmosse*; and says, That he thinks those
Persons were not Rebels, for they were those that were in defence
of Gods Cause, which he had honourably engaged them to.

Denies that he was at *Torwoodhead-Conventicle*, where the Ex-
communication of the King was used.

He owns and justifies the Proclamation at *Rutherglen*, and the
Burning of the Kings Acts of Parliament there, because they were
against the Covenant.

He declares that he doth not own the Kings Authority in things
unlawful, in those things that are against the Covenant.

Declares that he owns not, nor acknowledges the Acts of Par-
liament since the Kings Restauration that are made against the Co-
ventnt.

Declares he owns the Excommunication against the King used
by *Cargill*, and thinks the Reasons of it just.

Denies that he knows where the Excommunication was con-
trived.

Denies

Denies that he knows any thing of a New Rising, but thinks the People of God are always ready for Defensive Arms; and that he owns himself as one of them; and that the Arms he had about him were for defence of himself and the Gospel, and that he had resolved to give Testimony for the Cause.

Declares he saw Mr. *Donald Cargill* on *Thursday* last in a House of the *Westbow*, but knows not the House, yet thinks he might know it if he were brought to it.

Refuses to declare who were present with *Cargill* and him, nor will he tell how many there were of them, but says that it is about half a year since he frequented his Company.

Declares that he thinks the Killing of the Archbishop of *St. Andrews* was no Murther, and that the Actors thereof were upon their Duty.

Being Interrogated, If he thinks it lawful to Kill any of the Kings Councillors or Souldiers? Answers, That he thinks there is a declared War betwixt those who serve the Lord, and those who serve the King against the Covenant, and that it is lawful to Kill them in defence of the Gospel.

That he thinks, that the King being Excommunicated, and there being now a lawful declared War against him upon the account of the breach of the Covenant, it is lawful to Kill him.

Being asked, If it was lawful to Kill the King if he were passing along in a Coach as the Archbishop of *St. Andrews* was? Declares he had answered that before in the former General, and that it was lawful to Kill all that were in opposition to the Covenant.

After reading of the foresaid Interrogatories and his Answers, and being desired to be deliberate in what he had said before he Signed the same, he answered, That he was resolved upon it freely to give his Testimony.

Signed thus,

James Skene.

Edenburgh, the 13th of November, 1680.

James Skene before designed being brought in presence of the Lords Commissioners of Justiciary sitting in Judgment, and his said Confession being read unto him, he did renew, adhere to, and abide at the same, and every particular thereof, as is before set down; and says, He thinks it his honour so to do.

Signed thus,

James Skene.

Attested by the Lords Commissioners of Justiciary.

Archibald

Archibald Steward in Borrowstonness, being Interrogated, Confesses that he was in the Rebellion at *Airdschoffe*, with Mr. *Cameron*, and had a Sword and two Pistols.

Denies that he was at *Bothwell-Bridge*, but confesses he was with *Cameron* frequently before that time.

Declares he has been frequently with Mr. *Cargill*, and was present at the Excommunication of the King and his Royal Highness, the Lord Chancellor, the Earl of *Linlithgow*, General *Dalziel*, and the Kings Advocate at the Conventicle at *Torwood*, and he himself was there in Arms.

Declares he saw Mr. *Cargill* last within these two or three days in *Edinburgh*; Being asked in what House? He answers it is a Case of Conscience, he cannot tell it.

Declares he owns, That the King, his Royal Highness, and the other Persons aforesaid, were justly Excommunicated for the Breach of the Covenant, and the other Reasons expressed in the Excommunication.

Denies that he knows any new Design of rising in Arms.

Declares he disowns the Kings Authority, and thinks he is not obliged to obey him, because he has broken the Covenant. And being Interrogated, if now that the King is Excommunicated for Breach of the Covenant it be lawful to kill him? Declares he desires to consider of it before he Answer.

Declares that he thinks it was lawful to kill the Arch-Bishop of *St. Andrews*, because he says he had betrayed the *Kirk*.

Being Interrogated if he thinks it lawful to kill the Kings Counsellors or Servants? Desires time to advise before he Answer.

Confesses he has seen *Balfour* of *Kinloch* since the killing of the Arch-Bishop, but would not tell when nor where.

Declares he owns the Proclamation against the King at *Sanchar*, and owns the burning of the Kings Acts of Parliament against the Covenant at *Rutherglen* as a Duty.

That he owns and justifies the new Covenant, called, *Cargill's Covenant*.

Being interrogated if he knows of any Skipper or Seamen that has lately brought home any Arms or Ammunition, or any Commission given to that effect? Denies that he knows any?

Signed thus,

Archibald Steward.

Archibald Stewart before designed, being brought in presence of the Lord Justice Clerk, and the remanent Commissioners of Justiciary sitting in Judgment, he doth renew and abide at his whole Confession, emitted by him in the presence of the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council.

Signed thus,

Archibald Stewart.

Attested by the Lords Commmissioners of Justiciary.



*In presence of the Lords of the Privy Council
the same Day.*

John Spreull Druggist and Merchant in Glasgow, being Interrogated, Confesses that he was in the Rebellion at *Boswell-Bridge*, and was in Arms.

Confesses he knows and is acquainted with Mr. *Donald Cargill*, but denies that he was at *Torwoodhead Conventicle*.

Being interrogated if he owns the Excommunication of the King to be just? refuses to answer.

Denies that he keeps any Correspondence with People in *Holland*, or brought home any Arms or Ammunition from thence.

Denies that he knows any new Design of rising in Arms.

Being Interrogated if he owns the Declaration at *Sanchar*, disowning the Kings Authority? denies to answer.

Being interrogated when he saw Mr. *Donald Cargill*? Confesses he has seen and been in company with him, but will not tell when: He says it was in *Edenburgh*, but will not tell where.

Being asked if he owns the Kings Authority or not? Answers he owns all lawful Authority. Being asked if the Council here sitting was a lawful Authority? Refuses to Answer.

Being asked if he thought the Killing of the Arch-Bishop of *St. Andrews* was a Murder? He refuses to answer thereto.

*These Interrogatories and Answers being Read unto him, he
refuses to Sign the same.*

Edenburgh,

Edenburgh, Novemb. 15: 1680.

In presence of the Committee of Council appointed to Examine Archibald Steward, and others, by Torture, in respect of the former Examinations before the Council.

Archibald Steward Prisoner, being Examined by Torture in the Bootes, Confesses that upon Thursday last he was in company (in *John Baird's House*) with Mr. *Donald Cargill*, where was present also with him one Mr. *James Boog*; but declares he knows not where he dwells.

Being eased of the Torture, and interrogated if they had any Design to take any Mans life? Confesses that in general they had a mind to kill any should oppose them: and confesses that they had a design to kill one *Thomas Kennoway* in the Guard, Mr. *John Park* Minister at *Carrin*, and Mr. *James Hamilton* Minister of *Borrowstonness*: and the reason why they were to kill *Kennoway*, was because he had taken several of their Party; and the two Ministers, because they had been instrumental to discover Mr. *Donald Cargill* at *Queens-Ferry*, and the killing of Mr. *Hall*.

Confesses that *Henderson* in *North-Ferry* was also present with *Cargill* in *Baird's House* upon Thursday.

Declares that Mr. *James Boog* was in Arms, and ordinarily attends *Cargill*, and was in Arms at the Conventicle of *Torwood*, where the King and others were Excommunicated.

Declares that if they could have gotten any of the Bishops or Judges in their hands, they would have killed them.

Confesses he himself was at that Conventicle at *Torwood*, where were present *John Gib* and another of the same Name and Surname, both Seamen in *Borrowstonness*; and that *Robert Hammiton*, Son of Duke *Hammiton's* Chamberlain, was also at the same Conventicle.

Confesses he was at a Conventicle about a fortnight since at *Largo-Law*, where *Cargill* Preached; and there were present the two *Henderson's* that were at the killing of the Arch-Bishop, as also the two *Gibs*, and *Robert Hammiton* already mentioned.

Edenburgh,

Edenburg, Novemb. 16. 1680.

THe Lords of His Majesties Privy Council having by several clear Testimonies found, that they have very good reason to believe there is a Principle of Murdering His Majesty, and those under Him, for doing His Majesties Service, and a Design of Subverting the Government both of Church and State, entertained and carried on by the Phanaticks, and particularly by Mr. Donald Cargill, Mr. Robert Mearns, and others their Complices; and that John Spruell, and Robert Hamilton have been in accession thereto. They ordain the said John Spruell, and Robert Hamilton, now Prisoners, to be subjected to the Torture upon such Interrogatories as relate to these three Points, of which they have good reason to believe they can give much light and discovery.

I. By what Reason and Means this Murdering Principle is taught and carried on, who were Accessory to the Contrivance of Murdering, and who were to be Murdered, and also as to the Lord St. Andrew's Murder?

II. If there was any new Rebellion intended, by what Means it was to be carried on, and who were to bring home the Arms, or if any be already bought or brought, and by whom, or who were the Contrivers and Promoters of the late Rebellion at Bothwell Bridge?

III. Who are their Correspondents abroad and at home, particularly at London or elsewhere, and what they know of bringing home or dispersing Seditious Books and Pamphlets? And such particular Interrogatories as relate to these Generals.

And

And the said Lords do hereby give full Power and Commission to the Earls of *Argyle*, *Linlithgow*, *Perth*, and *Queensberry*, the Lords *Rosse*, Treasurer Depute, Register, Advocate, Justice Clerk, General *Dalzell*, *Collintounne* and *Haddo*, to call the said *John Spreull* and *Robert Hamilton*, and to Examine them in the Torture upon the Interrogatories aforesaid, and such other particular Interrogatories as they shall think pertinent relating to the forsaide general Heads, and to report the same to the Council.

Signed thus,

Ch. Maitland. 1. P. D.

Edenburgh, Novemb. 16. 1680.

A *Archibald Steward* being again called before the Committee, and being interrogated when and where these Murdering Designs were contrived?

Declares that he himself was not privy to those Designs, but that *John Murray*, and *William Cutle*, Seamen in *Borrowstonness*, told the Declarant that it was their design to kill all that were against them who came in their way, and that Mr. *Donald Cargill* in his Preachings advised them to these Murdering Designs.

Being interrogated if he knows *John spreull*? He declares he knows him, but doth not remember where he saw him first, having seen him so often: That about half a year since, he saw *Spreull* in *Holland* in the company of *James Thomson*, who lives there, and in the company of Mr. *Mecquar*, and Mr. *Robert Fleeming*.

Being interrogated if at any time he was in company with Mr. *Donald Cargill*, when *John spreull* was present? He denies that he was.

Confesses he saw *John Balfour*, called *Burley*, in *Holland*, in company of *John Spreull*, where their Discourse was about Religion, and Cases of Conscience, but did not remember any particular Cases were treated of concerning their Murdering Principles.

Confesses that in Winter last (he remembers) he saw *John Spreull* in *John Gib* elder his House, where were also present *John Gib* the younger, *James Skene*, and one *Ann Stewart*, but does not remember that *Cargill* and *Spreull* were together at that meeting.

Confesses he knows Mr. *George Barclay*, one of the Ministers, but it is a Twelvemonth since he saw him.

Confesses that upon Sabbath-day was eight days, he was at a Conventicle in the Fields in the *Moors* above *Falkirk*, about a

mile and half from *Falles*, where were present the two *Gibs*, one *John Henderson*, and *James Russel* in *Fife*, Mr. *Donald Cargill* having Preached, and there were 13 or 14 men in Arms.

Declares that about a quarter of a year since, or thereby, he saw *John Spreull* in company of Mr. *John Dickson* (now a Prisoner in the *Basse*) in his House in *Edenburgh*, where the Deponent was also present, and heard some discourse betwixt them concerning Mr. *Mecquar* in *Holland*, and heard *Spreull* say, that Mr. *Mecquar* was sorry that some of their Party had refused to hear Mr. *Robert Fleeming*.

Declares the occasion of his going to *Dickson's* House was to visit *Dickson*, having been sometimes in use so to do.

Declares the Person that acquainted him that Mr. *Donald Cargill* was in *Baird's* House upon Thursday last, was either Mr. *James Boog* or *Margaret Anderson*, who stays in a Womans House below the *Weigh-house*, who is called Mrs. *Henderson*.

Signed thus,

Archibald Stewart.

[Attested by *Ch. Maitland I. P. D. Com.*

Edenburgh, Novemb. 17. 1680.

John Potter, late Servant to the Lord *Cardrose*, being examined whether or not he owns and justifies the Declaration in *Sanchbr.* Declares he owns and justifies it and the double thereof being read unto him, he owned the same.

Confesses he was present at a Field-Conventicle near to *Carnwath* Sunday was a fortnight, where *Cargill* Preached. But denies that he was at the Conventicle at *Forwood*.

Being questioned if he was at *Bothwell-Bridge* and *Airdsmoss*? He refuses to answer.

Denies that he was at the Murder of the Arch-Bishop of *St. Andrews*.

Being interrogated if he owns the King to be King? He declares he owns no Authority that is against the Law of God, and he thinks the Authority now exercised is against the Law of God, and that the King having broken the Covenant, shewes no Obedience to Him.

There being a Paper produced of the nature of a Bond and Combination, Relative to the Declaration at *Rutharglen*, disclaiming

ing the Declaration at *Hamilton*, especially because it takes in the Kings Interest, from which it says they are loosed by the Kings Perfidy and Covenant-breaking, &c. which wants a date, and is Subscribed by Mr. *Richard Cameron*, Mr. *Thomas Douglas*, *John Potter*, and divers others; Declares he owns that Paper, and the whole Contents of it; and declares that the Name *John Potter* subjoined to it, is his Subscription, and that the same was Signed in a *Moore* near to *Galloway* in Summer last.

He confesses the truth of all this, but refuses to Sign it; therefore it is Signed by the Committee of Council, viz. the Earl of *Linlithgow*, the Earl of *Perth*, The Lord *Rosse*, the Lord Treasurer Depute, the Lord Register, and Lieutenant-General *Dalzel*.

1681. 17. June. 1707. 1708.

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Here follows the Tenour of the Bond of Combination contained in the said *John Potter* his Examination.

WE Under-Subscribers Bind and Oblige our selves to be faithful to God, and to be true to one another, and to all others that shall join with us in adhering to the *Rutherglen* Testimony, and disclaiming the *Hamilton* Declaration, chiefly because it takes in the Kings Interest, which we are loosed from by reason of his Perfidy and Covenant-breaking both to the most High God, and the People over whom he was set, upon the Terms of his propagating the main end of the Covenants, to wit, The Reformation of Religion; and instead of that, Usurping to himself the Royal Prerogative of Jesus Christ, and inroaching upon the Liberties of the Church, and so stating Himself in opposition both to Jesus Christ himself the Mediator and the Free-Government of his House; As also in disowning and protesting against the Reception of the Duke of York, a professed Papist, and whatever else has been done in this Land (which was given to the Lord) in prejudice of our Covenanted and universally Sworn to Work of Reformation. And although (as the Lord who searcheth the Hearts knows) we be for Government and Governors both Civil and Ecclesiastick, such as the Word of God, and our Covenants allow; Yet by this, we disown the present Magistrates who openly and avowedly are doing still what lies in them for destroying utterly our Work of Reformation from Popery, Prelacy, *Eraastianism*, and other Heresies and Errors. And by this we declare also, that we are not any more to own Ministers indulged, and such as drive at a sinful Union with them; nor are we to join any more with Ministers or Professors of any Rank that are guilty of any of the Defections of this time, until they give satisfaction proportionably to the Scandal or Offence they have given,

Subscribed

Subscribed by *Thomas Douglas* Minister of the Gospel, *Ri. Cameron* Minister of the Gospel, *Robert Dick*, *Alexander Gorgon of Creuch*, *Will. Stewart*, *David Farrie*, *James Stewart*, *Robert Stewart*, *John Patterson*, *John Potter*, *James Greirson*, *John Hamilton*, *James Edward*, *John Moody*, *J. Vallance*, *Thomas Campbell*, *John Crichtoun*, *John Gemmill*, *John Maccolme*, *Patrick Gemmill*, *John Wilson*, *Samuel Macmichael*, *Joseph Thomson*, *Michael Cameron*, *John Foulter*, *James Macmichael*.

Edenburgh, Novemb. 19. 1680.

In presence of the Committee.

Robert Hamilton being called before the Committee, and Examined upon several Interrogatories (relating to the three general Heads already mentioned) before he was put to the Torture, and particularly when he saw *Mr. Donald Cargill*, where, and what part amongst them, or who were present at *Torwoodhead-Conventicle*? He refuses to answer. Being put in the Torture and questioned before striking, he again refused to answer; and having received the Torture, and being loosed from it, and examined again, would make no answer. Having the second time received the Torture, he would not make answer; and after a considerable space having continued in the Torture, he was ordered to be loosed.

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Here followeth the Proclamation Issued by the Privy-Council upon this Occasion.

CHARLES by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To Our Lyon King at Arms, his Brethren Heraulds, Masters of Our Privy-Council, Pursevants or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constituted Greeting. For as much as since the extraordinary Mercy of God in Our wonderful Restauration, We have taken all care to preserve Our Subjects in Peace, and the Protestant Religion in its Purity, by such wholesome Laws as at the desire, and with the consent of Our Parliaments have been Enacted: Yet there hath been the implous and unweari'd Attempts of a Schismatical and Ungovernable Party of Our undutiful Subjects to disturb the former, and to overturn the latter; that they have often engaged themselves in open Insurrections, and avowed Rebellions against Us and Our Authority, pretending to found these their Rebellions upon their Treasonable Covenants. And particularly after the horrid and cruel Murder of the late Archbishop of *St Andrew*, a violent Rebellion was commenced in the Year 1670, which was declared by them who raised it to be undertaken and carried on for promoting the Ends of the said *Sedition Covenants*. After

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the suppressing of the which Rebellion, by the Blessing of God upon Our Arms, such was Our Princely Clemency, as by Solemn Acts of Grace, not only to Pardon and Indemnifie the Guilty, but even to Indulge them to keep House-Conventicles upon the easie Terms and Conditions contained in Our Proclamation of the date at *Whitehall*, the 29th of *June* 1679. Whereby We might reasonably have expected, that their Minds being eased, they might have been brought, if not to a Regular and Dutiful Obedience to Our Laws, yet to a Quiet and Peaceable Submission to Our Government. Notwithstanding whereof, and of Our Gracious Indemnities, Favours and Indulgences, which have been as often renewed as their Insolencies, Murthers and Treasons have been repeated, such hath been the perverseness of some Turbulent and Phanatical Persons, that many of them continue and persist (according to their old Dangerous Principles) not only to observe and frequent Seditious Field-Conventicles, (which as Our Laws have declared, so in experience have they been found to be the Rendezvous of Rebellion, their Insurrections against Us and Our Authority in the Years 1666, and 1679, having been nothing else but so many running and continued Field-Conventicles) but also having together with the Fear of God shaken off the sense of their Allegiance unto Us, and the reverence and regard they owe to Our Laws and Government, have entered into an Execrable Plot and Conspiracy to Murther Our Royal Person, Our dear and only Brother, with Our Chief Ministers of State, Our Privy-Councillors and Bishops, and all such as are employed in any Trust or Authority under Us, to subvert Our Monarchy and Government, to destroy this Protestant Church with its Officers and Ministers, to introduce a new Model of Civil and Ecclesiastick Government, and to alter and innovate the Fundamental Laws of this Our Antient Kingdom;

dom ; Being prepared and instructed to this Hellish Conspiracy by those Treasonable Pamphlets, Intituled, *Naphtali*, *Jus Populi*, *The Apologetick Narration*, &c. Whereby they have been Taught to take Arms against Us, as being loosed from their Allegiance, and Impowered by the mistaken Example of *Phineas* to Kill all such as differed from, and opposed their Covenants, and thereby allowing not only open rebellions, but (which is more terrible) even private Murthers and Assassinations ; And upon which they have proceeded to Wound, Rob, and Assassinate Our Orthodox and Protestant Ministers meerly for Preaching Protestant and Loyal Doctrine, and in Cold Blood (with a Cruelty exceeding that of Heathens) to Murder the late Venerable Primate of this Our Kingdom, as also Our Souldiers for Levying the Supply granted by Law unto Us. Of which Hellish Plot and Conspiracy we have sufficient and demonstrative Evidence, particularly from their Prodigious and Treasonable Covenant found with *Mr. Donald Cargill*, (one of their most Seditious Preachers.) on the third day of *June* last ; Wherein they declare Us an Usurper, and the Devils Vicegerent, and that the Laws and Acts of Our Parliaments were Invasions and Incroachments upon *JESUS CHRIST*, and that they would set up New Rulers to Govern by the Judicial Law of *Moses* ; From their Treasonable Declaration affixed to the Market-Cross, and other Places of Our Burgh of *Sanchar*, upon the 2th of *June* last, wherein they disown Us to be their King, calling themselves the Representatives of the True Presbyterian and Covenanted People of *Scotland*, and declaring an open War against Us, and all Our Loyal and Dutiful Subjects ; From a most Treasonable Bond and Combination found amongst the Papers of that Arch Traytor *Mr. Richard Cameron* at his Death at *Abrichtwaite*, wherein they declare Us an Usurper, and themselves loosed from their Alle-

Allegiance unto Us, because We will not promote the
 Ends of their Seditious Covenants; Which Impious
 Bond is Signed by *Thomas Douglas*, pretended Mini-
 ster of the Gospel, *Cameron* Brother to the
 said *Mr. Richard*, *John Vallence*, *Daniel Mac-Mitchel*,
Thomas Campbell, *John Moodie*, *Patrick Gamle*, *James*
Stewart, and many others their Complices, and by
 their Unexampled and Sacrilegious Excommunicating
 of Us, Our Dearest Brother, and Our Chief Ministers
 and Officers by the foresaid *Mr. Donald Cargill*, at a
 Numerous Field-Conventicle at the *Torwood*, in *Sterling-*
Shire, in the Month of *October* last: Which Impious
 Mock-Sentence of Excommunication they caused to be
 affixed upon some Publick Places in Our City of *Eden-*
burgh, which is clearly proved by the Depositions of
 many of their Associates, and the Judicial Confessions
 of some of their Ring-leaders before Our Privy Coun-
 cil, to have been pronounced by the said *Cargill* the Day
 and Place aforesaid; and by which Mock-Excommuni-
 cation, (and the foresaid Declaration of War at *San-*
char, they endeavour to justify the Lawfulness of Kil-
 ling Us, and Our Faithful Ministers and Subjects, (the
 Originals of all which Papers herein mentioned do lie
 in the Hands of the Clerks of Our Privy Council and
 Justice Court, to be forth coming for the satisfying of
 all Our good Subjects concerning the Truth of the Pre-
 mises.) Moreover, The Truth and Reality of this
 Cruel, Bloody, Treasonable and Horrid Plot and Con-
 spiracy is further evident by the Declaration and free
 Confession of *James Skene*, Brother to the late Laird
 of *Skene*, *Archibald Stewart* in *Borrasstonessie*, and
John Porter late Servant to the Lord *Cardross*, who open-
 ly and in face of Our Privy Council have avowed and
 declared their owning of, and adherence unto the Trea-
 sonable Covenant aforesaid found with *Mr. Donald*
Cargill, that Execrable Declaration at *Sanchar*, (which
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Bond of Combination aforesaid, hath been owned by the said *John Potter* in presence of Our Privy-Council, and his Subscription subjoyned to it) and that Treasonable and Impious Excommunication at *Tormood*; and with bare faces assert the Lawfulness of Killing Us their Sovereign, Our Dear and only Brother, Our Ministers, Bishops and Judges; and that it is their Duty to Kill Us and Them, according as they shall have Power and Opportunity, and who seemed to have met together in Our City of *Edenburgh* on *Thursday* the 11th of this Instant *November*, to consult with *Mr. Donald Cargill* the best Methods for putting the said abominable and hellish Plot in Execution.

Therefore, and to prevent the imminent danger, to which Our Royal Person, Our Dear and only Brother, Our Government, Ministers and Laws, the Church and Protestant Religion are exposed, by the bold and incessant Attempts, and the Bloody Artifices and Contrivances of these Villanous and Phanatical Conspirators; We do hereby with advice of Our Privy Council, Declare all those forenamed Conspirators and Plotters to be open and notorious Traitors and Rebels against Us and Our Authority, (They having been in Arms against Us, for which they were declared Traytors by Our Proclamation dated the last of *June* 1680.) Impowering and Requiring all Our Good Subjects to Treat them as such. And We do hereby Require and Command all Our Loyal Subjects, as they will be answerable to Us on their Allegiance, to do their utmost diligence to discover and search out this Phanatical and Sanguinary Plot to the bottom, and to seize and apprehend those Traytors, Conspirators and Plotters, and all their Treacherous As-

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fociates and Accomplices ; particularly such of them as are named and mentioned in this and in Our fore-said Proclamation of the last of *June* 1680. and to Imprison them in the next convenient Prison, that they may be brought to condign and exemplary Punishment, according to the Prescript of Our Laws, and demerit of their prodigious and unparallel'd Treasons. And We further Require and Command all Our Sheriffs, Stewards, Bailiffs of Regalities, and Magistrates of Burghs, and other Ministers of the Law where the said Traitors and Conspirators use to haunt or resort, to employ their utmost Power and Vigilance in their respective Jurisdictions for searching, seizing, and apprehending of them, that they may be presented to Justice: And if in seizing and apprehending the fore-said Traytors and Conspirators, and their Associates and Accomplices, (they resisting or refusing to be taken) any of Our said Magistrates or others Our good Subjects shall happen to kill or mutilate them, or any of them; We do hereby declare, That they, nor none assisting them, shall ever be called in question, or pursued Civilly or Criminally therefore in time coming; but that these Presents shall be as sufficient for their Exoneration as if they had Our special Pardon and Remission, and that their doing thereof shall be reputed good and acceptable Service done to Us. And for the better Incouragement of such as shall apprehend, and bring in the said Traytors and Conspirators dead or alive, The Apprehender of *Mr. Donald Cargill* shall have as a Reward the Sum of Five Thousand Merks; and for *Mr. Thomas Douglas* the Sum of Three Thousand Merks; and for each one of the rest of the said Conspirators and Plotters the Sum of One Thousand Merks instantly paid to them by the Lords Commissioners

sioners of Our Treasury. And We Ordain these Presents to be Printed, and Published at the Market-Cross of *Edenburgh*, and remanent Head-Burghs of this Our Kingdom. And also We Ordain the several Sheriffs and Stewards, &c. to cause make Intimation hereof at the several Paroch Kirks of the Kingdom after Divine Worship, that none pretend Ignorance.

Given under Our Signet at *Edenburgh*, the 22th day of *November*, 1680. and of Our Reign the 32th Year.

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

Will. Paterfon Cl. Sti. Concilii.

God save the King.

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